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1. Although the SMV invested ten million schillings in the Matzen oil fields, results achieved so far have not equalled this financial outlay. Consequently Matzen's Director, Feodor Leontevich KLAPSHUK, former director of DEA I, is seriously trying to improve operating methods and make Matzen more profitable. About 300 persons are now employed in the Matzen oil fields.
2. The SMV plans to center most of its installations in the Matzen area in Prottes, a village about two kilometers north of Matzen. One large office building has already been built, and two modern buildings, to be used as billets, are now under construction at Prottes. In a month, when the SMV motor pool at Prottes has been completed, the Matzen Drilling Section, Bau und Montage, and mechanical repair shops will be established in Prottes. SMV administrative offices have already been established in the vicinity of Matzen well No. 3, about one kilometer north of Matzen on the road to Prottes.
3. Most of the vehicles now being used at Matzen have ^{been} temporarily requisitioned from the SMV motor pool at Neusiedl and an SMV motor pool in Vienna. At present the SMV has 15 trucks, seven tractors and two Willys jeeps at Matzen.
4. With the exception of the G. Rumpel A.G. drilling firm, which has been incorporated into Matzen's Drilling Section, all SMV drilling units have been combined in the SMV Drilling Department at Zistersdorf under the supervision of SUCHOV, a Soviet engineer. The SMV Drilling Department is now drilling two wells in the Muehlberg fields. Both the SMV Drilling Department and Matzen's Drilling Section are under the direct supervision of V. I. KORNEYEV in SMV Headquarters.*
5. In the near future, the SMV expects to receive nine new drilling rigs, equipped with two 160 HP Diesel motors and two slush pumps, which were ordered from the Soviet Union about three months ago. When these rigs arrive, the SMV will have a total of 27 drilling rigs in Austrian oil fields. Three or four of these Soviet-manufactured rigs will be sent to Matzen. In addition, three derricks which the SMV purchased in 1947 and which have ^{been} standing idle at ITAG fields since, will also be transferred to Matzen.

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6. According to Erich ZDRAZIL, Matzen's production chief, four wells are now in production at Matzen. In November 1949 during one 24 hour period these wells produced an estimated 643 tons of oil. Three new wells are being drilled, Matzen wells No. 14 and 22 near Meyersdorf about 2.5 kilometers east of Matzen and Matzen well No. 13 about one kilometer east of Matzen.
7. Matzen well No. 2 is operating with a pump and now produces only eight to ten tons per 24 hour period. Within a few days, well No. 12 will be brought into production at a depth of 2,400 to 2,600 meters.

Matzen Personnel

8. Director Feodor Leontovich KLAPSHUK, former director of DEA I

Technical Director: Engr. MATZNER, an Austrian national about 45 years old.**

Production Chief: Erich ZDRAZIL, Austrian national about 36 years old, formerly employed as chief chemist by ITAG.***

Personnel Officer: An unidentified Austrian.

Motor Pool Director: It is believed that RIZAKOV, a Soviet national, will be named director of Matzen's motor pool when it is established.

Drilling Section: SUBKOV, a Soviet national, who is assisted by I.T. LEVKIN.

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